HON'BLE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

WRIT PETITION NO. 15995 OF 1995

BETWEEN

Chitikena Satyanarayana & another

.....**Petitioners**

And

Government of Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its Secretary, Social Welfare (F1) Department, Hyderabad & others

.....**Respondents**

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Counsel for the Petitioners : Shri K. Visweswara Reddy

Counsel for the Respondents : Government Pleader for Social Welfare

Dated: 05.04.2006

In this petition, the petitioners have prayed for quashing order dated 24.04.1995 passed by Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department.

On the previous date of hearing i.e. 29.03.2006, learned Government Pleader had fairly mentioned that order impugned in this writ petition has already been quashed in Writ Petition No.3169 of 1996 decided on 15.04.2002. Thereupon, the Court directed the Registry to attach the order of Writ Petition No.3169 of 1996 with the file of this petition.

Although the record of Writ Petition No.3169 of 1996 has not been attached with the file of this case, a copy of order dated 15.04.2002 passed by a Coordinate Bench has been made available to the Court. A reading of that order shows that G.O.Rt.No.272 dated 24.04.1995 which is under challenge in this petition has already been quashed by a Coordinate Bench.

In view of the above, the writ petition is allowed. Order dated 24.04.1995 is quashed with liberty to the competent authority to pass fresh order after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

Since the matter has remained pending for over one decade, I direct the Secretary of the concerned Department to pass fresh order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. The petitioners are directed to appear before Secretary, Social Welfare Department on 24.04.2006.

While disposing of the writ petition in the manner indicated above, I deem it proper to make clear that this order shall not entitle the writ petitioners to claim the property in question as of

right and the concerned authorities shall be entitled to decide the matter independently without being influenced by the earlier proceedings.

G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

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05.04.2006

Note:
The Court Officer is directed to supply attested copy of this order to the learned Government Pleader for Social Welfare for being forwarded to the Secretary of the concerned Department.